

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

Claim 16 (previously presented): An adhesive composition comprising, as a rubbery elastomeric matrix,

- a) a block-copolymer and
- b) a homopolymer

wherein the block-copolymer contains (i) at least one block of a polymerised mono alkenyl arene monomer and (ii) at least one block consisting of a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain and

wherein the homopolymer is a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain made from the same monomer as the at least one block consisting of a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain.

Claim 17 (previously presented): An adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the at least one block consisting of a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain and the homopolymer have the same chemical structure.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the block-copolymer is a di, tri, or multiblock copolymer.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the block-copolymer is a tri or multiblock copolymer.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the block-copolymer is a tri block or a star block-copolymer.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the at least one block of a polymerised mono alkenyl arene monomer has a physically cross-linked matrix form.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the polymerised mono alkenyl arene monomer is polystyrene.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain is polyisobutylene.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the at least one block of a polymerised mono alkenyl arene monomer has a molecular weight (Mw) between 1000 and 10000.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the at least one block consisting of a linear or branched, saturated hydrocarbon chain has a molecular weight (Mw) between 20000 and 100000.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the homopolymer has a molecular weight (Mw) between 20000 and 100000.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 wherein the block-copolymer constitutes 1-70 % by weight of the composition and wherein the homopolymer constitutes up to 70 % by weight of the composition.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 further comprising one or more water-soluble or water ~~swell-able~~ swellable hydrocolloids.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 further comprising one or more water-soluble or water ~~swellable~~ swellable hydrocolloids constituting 5-60 % by weight of the composition.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The adhesive composition according to claim 16 further comprising a tackifier resin.

Claim 31 (previously presented): An ostomy appliance including an adhesive wafer comprising the adhesive composition according to claim 16.

Claim 32 (previously presented): An ostomy appliance including an adhesive wafer comprising the adhesive composition according to claim 19.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A wound dressing comprising the adhesive composition according to claim 16 and a water-impervious backing layer or film.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A wound dressing comprising the adhesive composition according to claim 19 and a water-impervious backing layer or film.

Claim 35 (new): The adhesive composition according to claim16 wherein the block-copolymer is polyisobutylene (SIBS) and wherein the homopolymer is polyisobutylene (PIB).